THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Stopping recovery of loan

†261. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) wehther it is a fact that keeping in view the case of increasing incidents of suicides amongst farmers a national committee has suggested to stop the loan recovery in the calamitous areas immediately;

(b) if so, what are the other recommendations of the Committee;

(c) whether it has been also stated in the report that profit is gradually decreasing in the agricultural sector; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) The National Commission on Farmers has recommended, *inter-alia*, a debt waiver for the smallest and weakest farmers in distress hot spots. The related recommendations are conducting a census of suicides, stepping up of credit and putting in place a Parivar Bima Policy.

(c) and (d) The Commission has also pointed out that the cost-risk-return structure of farming is becoming adverse to the farming families operating small holdings. The recommendations made by the Commission are under consideration of the Government.

NCF Recommendations

262. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY:
SHRI MOINUL HASSAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission on Farmers has recommended five point programme for rejuvenation of agriculture sector;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, whether Government have prepared any plan in this direction; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The recommendations of the Commission are presently under consideration of the Government. However, there are several schemes in operation for accelerating the agricultural production and productivity and increase the farmers' income.

Dairy development

263. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the planning of Government for dairy development in the country;

(b) the number of proposals that have been received by Government from various States particularly Andhra Pradesh Government under Consolidated Dairy Development Planning;

(c) the details of action being taken on those proposals; and

(d) the effective measures being taken by Government for achieving the objectives and targets fixed by Government under this scheme, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) The Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries is presently implementing following dairy development schemes:

(i) Intensive Dairy Development Programme

(ii) Strengthening Infrastructure for Quality & Clean Milk Production

(iii) Assistance to Cooperatives

(iv) Dairy/Poultry Venture Capital Fund

(b) No such consolidated dairy development planning is done/ implemented by this Department.

(c) and (d) Do not arise in view of (b) above.